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1. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH THE VOA AND IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SPEECH PROPOSE USE OF LANGUAGE SERVICES CHIEF OF INTERPRETING BRANCH, DONALD F. BARNES FOR PRESIDENT'S SPEECH BEFORE THE VENEZUELAN CONGRESS. BARNES HAS EXPERIENCE AS INTERPRETER OVER THE PAST TWENTY YEARS, INCLUDING MANY LIVE RENDITIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OVER THE VOA. LATEST EXPERIENCE WAS PRESIDENT CARTER'S WELCOMING REMARKS TO PRESIDENT PEREZ IN JUNE 1977, WHEN BARNES WAS ASKED BY VOA TO DO A LIVE RENDITION FOR BROADCAST TO VENEZUELA. IN THE EVENT THAT THE PRESIDENT DEPARTS FROM HIS PREPARED TEXT, BARNES COMPETENT TO HANDLE, WHILE ANYONE OTHER THAN PROFESSIONAL SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETER WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW.

- 2. ANTHONY J. HERVAS WILL BE THE PRESIDENT'S INTERPRETER FOR OTHER EVENTS, ALTHOUGH BARNES OF COURSE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WHENEVER NEEDED.
- 3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S/ADVANCE TEAMS COMMENTS. VANCE

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